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SUBJECT: MAJOR WHEAT DEAL WITH ARAB NATIONS.

1. OTTAWA CITIZEN FRONT-PAGED ARTICLE NOVEMBER 20 INDICATING CANADA ABOUT TO SIGN MAJOR WHEAT DEALS TOTALLING $375 MILLION IN VALUE WITH SYRIA, EGYPT, AND LIBYA. WRITER (CITIZEN STAFF WRITER PATRICK BEST) ASSERTS THIS WILL MARK MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH IN RELATIONS BETWEEN CANADA AND ARAB WORLD, OUTLINES CANADA'S POSITION VIS A VIS OIL PRODUCING ARAB BLOC, CANADA'S AID PROGRAMS, ETC.

2. IMPLICATION OF ARTICLE IS THAT CANADA IS MAKING A WHEAT FOR OIL DEAL WITH ARAB COUNTRIES.

3. DEPT. OF INDUSTRY, TRADE & COMMERCE (ITC) GRAIN OFFICIAL CANNOT CONFIRM TO EMBASSY THAT WHEAT BOARD NEGOTIATING WITH SYRIA, EGYPT AND LIBYA. IF SALE MADE, DETAILS WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY WHEAT BOARD, HE SAID, ADDING QUOTE WE HAVE DONE BUSINESS WITH THEM BEFORE AND MIGHT POSSIBLY DO MORE NOW UNQUOTE.
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4. ITC GRAIN OFFICIAL HAD NO RPT NO INFORMATION SUGGESTING
TIE-IN BETWEEN WHEAT SALE AND OIL ALLOCATIONS FROM ARAB BLOC.

5. EMBASSY AIR-POUCHING ARTICLE TO EUR/CAN EB/FSE AND
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